



October 2009

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Resident Housecall

Everyone enjoying Cinnamon Rolls (from VAP) This was a take off on the Share Fair Theme. It was "Share Fare"- something yummy that you might have eaten at the Oklahoma



Woodworking Projects by Jim Dunlap



"All About Aprons"

Social Services Manager Jean Rose



Leatha Hull won 3 ribbons at the Woods County Fair! A red ribbon for her embroidered dresser scarf and two blue ribbons - one for her Christmas dresser scarf and one for her bead bracelets.



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Jane's Corner

Jane Gaskill, Administrator

Greetings...

Seasons have changed; maybe we will have a beautiful fall with the colors changing. Nice that the electric bills are lower although, now it is time to see what the gas bill will be.



*Welcome to our
New Residents:
Bonnie Smith
Mattie Keele
Nettie Mulkey
Hilda Burroughs*

*In Sympathy
and Remembrance:
Erma Hendricks
Lester Hager*

The shingles arrived and I am hoping by the time you read this the roof will be completely redone. There are some areas that will need extra attention as the old roof is removed. We still are thinking about all the pine trees we will need to cut down. There are special areas of the grounds that staff members donated and planted flowers for all to enjoy, as fall gets colder it will be sad to see them fade away. Jane planted the sweet potato vines in the patio; she will look to see if any potatoes grew!!!

Flu shots!!!! We do not know if there will be a vaccine for the Swine Flu, but are anxious to hear. Your physicians will inform the facility if you are to be given one if vaccine arrives. The regular Flu vaccine is available and will be given. The most important thing: WASH YOUR HANDS. If you have to remind your caregiver to wash their hands ...go for it.

Thank everyone who helped make protective covers bead holders. That was a great ideal.

Until next time...Jane

P.S. time for the My-Innerview survey again...look for a staff member to ask if they may ask you a "few questions"?



Goldie Reutlinger received a birthday certificate from Governor Brad Henry

Resident Council Minutes

The September meeting of the Share Convalescent Home's Resident Council was held, Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in the solarium at 10:00 a.m. Opening ceremonies were lead by the chairperson and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Complaints and concerns from the last meeting were reviewed and the following problems were cleared.

- Caps have been put on the chairs in the dining room.
 - No one voiced any problems with treatment caps being left on the floor
 - There is no longer a shortage of washcloths
 - Most cushions on the dining room chairs have been removed

These complaints continue from last month's meeting:

- Chairs in the dining room still need to be cleaned
 - Baked potatoes have not been offered when tater tots are served
 - Salads are not being served often enough, resident would even enjoy more Jell-O salads

The complaints and concerns under new business were:

- Why does the kitchen run out of food sometimes?
 - Residents would like watermelon and cantaloupe served at meals while they are in season
 - Call lights are not being answered in a timely manner
 - Would prefer sausage patties be served, not link sausage

A resident stated she appreciated the staff taking her to doctor's appointments. Another felt the craft project to make "clothing protector clasps" was a very worthwhile project.

There was no other business to come before the group, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned.





Meet Mattie Keele

Mattie (Moore) Keele is one of our newest Residents at Share, but she is not really “new” to Share. Mattie did volunteer work for us while her husband Bob was a Resident here a few years ago.

Mattie was born in Oklahoma City on August 17, 1937, to Robert and Mattie Moore. She has an older brother, Archie. He lives in Pennsylvania and is retired after 30 years in the Air Force. Her brother was adopted after her folks had lost two babies. He is not only Mattie’s adopted brother, he is also her first cousin. Her aunt had five children and was having a difficult time so Robert and Mattie adopted Archie. And then Mattie came along. “I came out screaming and with a full head of hair,” related Mattie. “And I weighed a whopping 10 pounds and 12 ounces - and was hungry as soon as I arrived!”

When it was near her 9th birthday she asked her folks for a Betty Crocker Cookbook (the adult one not the children’s one). “I wanted it so badly. I wanted to work my way through that cookbook, trying every recipe in the book,” shared Mattie. “And I nearly have!”

As we talked about her school years in Oklahoma City Mattie told about her friend Cindy, from 7th grade, that is still a good friend to this day.

“Cindy was new to school and sitting alone for lunch,” explained Mattie. “She was one of eight children - the daughter of sharecroppers - and poorly dressed. When I saw her I picked up my tray and went over to sit with her even though my friends made fun of me.”

“My mother had made sure to teach me about being a nice person and not to judge others. She was really strict about that. I can still hear her saying, “Little lady, you're not better than anyone else and don't you forget it!”

“So I invited Cindy over to my house after school and I asked my mom if I could give some of my clothes to her. When Cindy took the clothes home her mother was afraid that she had stolen them from me. The two mom’s talked about it and my mom assured her mom that since my brother had gone off to the service and I was like an only child - that I was “spoiled” and **needed** to share some of my three closets full of clothes with Cindy for my own good!”

This writer asked Mattie if she picked out the clothes she wanted to give her or did she let Cindy pick out what she liked? “Oh, I let her pick - and she actually picked things I didn’t particularly like anyway!”

Mattie graduated from Harrah High School. Then went to Business college. She married young and had two girls, Tammy and Jannetta, and then went through a divorce.

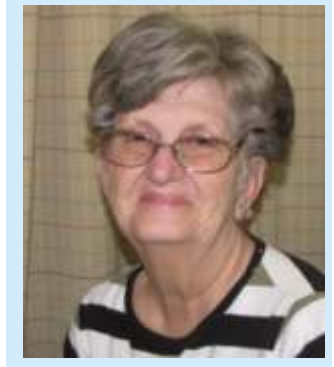
Sometime later she was asked to go on a blind date with Bob Keele. She was hesitant and agreed to one date. “ Bob was just out of the Navy and I wasn’t sure about this at all!” They dated and then fell in love and got married. Then they had two more girls, Yvonne and Robin. Bob accepted Mattie’s girls as his own. One time Mattie heard him being asked about his “stepkids”. Bob answered back, “I don’t know about the “step” part - they all have to eat, and they all need things, and if we have a dollar it gets divided into quarters - one for each of them!” Mattie shared that Bob had been so mistreated as a child that he wanted to be a really good dad.

Bob’s friend asked him to come up to Alva with him. Bob found a job here. He and Mattie moved to Alva and they ran a gas station for several years here in town.

Mattie cooked out of her home - helping Madeline Allgenbright who cooked items to sell: candies, cakes, pies and dinner or buffet items. Mattie’s specialty was a mustard potato salad.

Mattie’s girls have given them nine grandchildren and now “Netta” even has a grandson - making Mattie and great grandma.

We welcome Mattie to the Share family and hope everyone soon gets to know this kind and gentle lady.

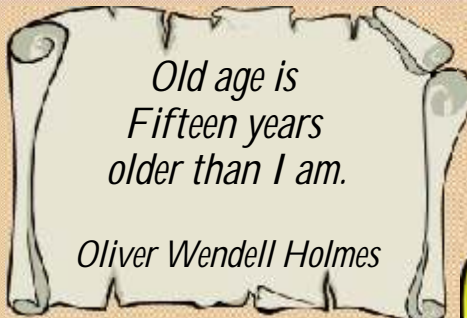


Mattie Moore (Mattie's mom); Mattie and Bob Keele, Grandsons Lee and Conrad and daughter Tammy



Share's Community Bulletin Board

(If you have something to post on the bulletin board call Patti @ 327-2938)



*Old age is
Fifteen years
older than I am.*

Oliver Wendell Holmes



*We are
accepting
donations
for General
Store items*

(rummage sale type items)



**Hey! Check out
the new Activities!!!**

**6th...Donut Shop
8th...Soda Fountain
(Soon to be:
The Corner Drugstore)
15th...Ice Cream Truck
20th...General Store**



*Don't forget!!!
Please mark
all clothing and
personal items
with residents
name. Thank You!*



October Activities

Sundays

3:45 pm... Church Services

4th...First Presbyterian

11th...Alva Wesleyan

18th...Church of God

25th...College Hill Church of God

Mondays

10 am... Games

3:00 pm ... Bingo



**Birthday
Party:
October
16 th
3:00 pm**

Happy Birthday!

Perry Irons...6th

Reba Hazard...17th

Richard Heaton...23rd

Tuesdays

9:30 - 11:00am

6th...Donut Shop

20th...General Store

10 am

13th...Resident Council

27th...Crafts

3:00 pm...Games

4:00 pm... Happy Hour

Wednesdays

10 am... Bingo

3:00 pm...Bible Study

Thursdays

10:00 am...Singing

10:30 am...Bible Stories

3:00 pm

1st...Game Time

8th & 22nd...Soda Fountain

15th & 29th...Ice Cream Truck

Tuesday Evening Activities:

6:30 PM

15th...Methodist Service

20th...The Williams

Fridays

10 am... Bingo

3:00 pm

4th & 11th...Munchies

30th...Halloween Party

Saturdays

3:00 pm

3rd, 17th & 31st...Games

10th & 24th...Movies

